

May 3, 2000

Magalie Roman-Salas
Secretary, Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554



RE: *Notice of Ex Parte Presentation*
CS Docket 99-351

AT&T/Media One Acquisition

Dear Ms. Roman-Salas:

This letter memorializes a May 2, 2000 meeting between Andrew Jay Schwartzman and Cable Services Bureau Chief Deborah Lathen.

Mr. Schwartzman argued that a waiver of the Commission's ownership rules to run longer than the six month stay his clients have already challenged would be legally indefensible. He made reference to reports that AT&T claims a tax advantage of some kind will accrue to it if an eighteen month waiver is provided. Mr. Schwartzman argued that any waiver in excess of six months would give significant, and inappropriate, additional leverage to AT&T in negotiations over telephony and Internet service to be carried on cable lines. must-carry rights. When Ms. Lathen expressed some understanding of this point, Mr. Schwartzman pointed out that if her comments were based on information provided by AT&T, it is not in the record in this case and may not be a valid basis of an FCC decision. He also complained that there is nothing on the record to indicate why the Commission staff met with Time Warner about terms in the MediaOne limited partnership.

Sincerely,

Andrew Jay Schwartzman

cc. Deborah Lathen